

MAY CUT FIELD OF OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

**United States Association
Thinks of Curtailing Entry
List at Brookline.**

PLANS QUALIFYING ROUND

**Water Hazard a Knotty Problem
That Will Probably Call for
Adjudication with Parent
Body at St. Andrews.**

In the event of the entry for the next national open golf championship at Brookline assuming unwieldy proportions, it is probable that the executive committee of the United States Golf Association will take some action with a view to curtail-

If possible, the association wants to avoid a repetition of the congestion and unnaturally early starting times which prevailed at Buffalo last summer. Should the coming open have to be extended to three or more days, it would be easily possible this year, for the reason that the present dates—September 17 and 18—fall on Wednesday and Thursday.

The United States Golf Association who discussed the question is to hold a qualifying or elimination round, say, of eighteen holes, but unlike the plan abroad, which calls for all entrants to participate, the suggested preliminary round here would be only for players of doubtful calibre.

It has become a practice for professionals all over the country to attend the national open. They meet old cronies and make a sort of holiday out of the affair, and usually finish nearer the tail end than the prize list. When they return

to their home greens and explanations are in order, they give that old timeworn excuse that covers a multitude of sins—"they could na' put."

While offhand it might seem a ticklish problem to discriminate and say who were and who were not doubtful entrants, the committee might find a way through recourse to the records, which show what the players have done year

after year. It would be an ideal way of eliminating the dead wood. Furthermore, the fact that there would be an eighteen-hole elimination round might have the effect of keeping away many of the "pros" of moderate ability.

Robert C. Watson, president of the United States Golf Association, is authority for the statement that it will not

be long before the home organization will have to thrash out a question with the Royal and Ancient Club, of St. Andrews. He had reference to the conditions arising from a ball landing in a water hazard. Rule 27 covers the situation as follows:

"1. If a ball lie or be lost in a recognized water hazard (whether the ball lie

in water or not) or in casual water in a hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in match play or stroke competition, either (a) behind the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball crossed the margin of the hazard

between himself and the hole, or (b) in the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball entered the water between himself and the hole."

This rule works well enough when the water hazard crosses the course at right angles, but it is a different proposition when the trouble runs parallel to the

fairway. For example, when a player slices a drive into a parallel water hazard, it may be impossible for him to live up to the strict wording of the rule; that is, "keeping the spot at which the ball crossed the margin of the hazard between himself and the hole." There are water hazards so situated that if this were done the player might have to go back several hundred yards. The United

States Golf Association president has received more than one letter on this subject from players who have recently found themselves in such a dilemma as described.

GOLF STARS FOR EKWANOK

Entries for Taconic Cup Include Well Known Players.

Manchester, Vt., July 13.—A hot fight for the Taconic golf cup at Ekwanok for the four days beginning Wednesday is assured, as the entry list already includes Walter J. Travis, Fred Herreshoff, Ham-

The qualifying round only will be played on Wednesday, and it will be at eighteen holes.

DEFENDS SUNDAY BALL
Farley Wants Citizens to Vote
for Home Rule Measure.
Binghamton, N. Y., July 13.—President

John H. Farley of the New York State League, in the course of a defence of Sunday baseball, given out by Mr. Johnson, owner of the Binghamton team of the State League, says:

"We object to minority rule. The senti-

"We favor a decent Sabbath. All we want is a purely home rule measure; a local option bill permitting the qualified voters of each community that desire to

apply by a petition the privilege of placing upon the ballot for decision by the citizens who support and make the government the question of permitting Sunday baseball under rules and regulations.

"In the case of a favorable decision, the game shall be played only under

When the game plan is to payee, the rules and regulations adopted by the local authorities. The taxpayers who maintain the government are surely entitled to this privilege."

BUTTERFLY DIANA CAPSIZES

**Eight Women Skippers in Bay-
side Yacht Races.**
Bayside, Long Island, July 13.—Eight of
the butterflies of the Bayside Yacht Club.

in the hands of the women skippers of the club, held an interesting race off here to-day. Prior to the starting of the contest Mrs. W. H. MacGregor, wife of the chairman of the regatta committee, captained the Diana. Mr. MacGregor was

Outside of the wetting nothing happened to either the chairman or his wife. The contest was sailed in a strong breeze from the southwest, which gave the fair skippers plenty of work. Again Mrs. Paret was the winner in the Flutterby. The summary:

WOMAN'S RACE—BUTTERFLY CLASS— START, 4:15—CLUB COURSE.		Elapsed time.
Yacht and skipper.	Finish.	M.S.
Flutterby, Mrs. Paret.....	4:42:40	27:40
Emperor, K. Towers.....	4:46:30	31:30
Clio, Miss Shaffer.....	4:47:50	32:50
		35:25